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In Re the Application of:

SPIERS et al.

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For: "BLOCK DATA STORAGE  
WITHIN A COMPUTER  
NETWORK"

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

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) Examiner: Coulter, Kenneth R. **Technology Center 2100**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 27, 2003, please amend  
and reconsider the above-identified application as follows: